

Readings for St James

Sun 6th 13th Sunday after Trinity

Reading 1: Ezekiel 33:7-11
Reading 2: Romans 13:8-end
Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Mon 7th

Psalm: 126
Reading 1: 2 Samuel 18:1-18
Reading 2: Acts 10:34-end

Tue 8th

Psalm: 132
Reading 1: 2 Samuel 18:19 - 19:8a
Reading 2: Acts 11:1-18

Wed 9th

Psalm: 119:153-end
Reading 1: 2 Samuel 19:8b-23
Reading 2: Acts 11:19-end

Thu 10th

Morning Prayer Readings

Psalm: 143
Reading 1: 2 Samuel 19:24-end
Reading 2: Acts 12:1-17

Holy Communion Readings

Reading 1: 1 Corinthians 8:1-7, 11-end
Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

Fri 11th

Psalm: 144
Reading 1: 2 Samuel 23:1-7
Reading 2: Acts 12:18-end

Sat 12th

Psalm: 147
Reading 1: 2 Samuel 24
Reading 2: Acts 13:1-12

Sun 13th 14th Sunday after Trinity

Reading 1: Genesis 50:15-21
Reading 2: Romans 14:1-12
Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Readings for Our Lady & St Nicholas

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Reading 1: Ezekiel 12:21 - 13:6
Reading 2: Acts 19:1-20
Psalm: 108

Sun 13th 14th Sunday after Trinity

Reading 1: Ezekiel 20:1-8, 33-44
Reading 2: Acts 20:17-end
Psalm: 119:41-48

For our prayers this week

Our Altar Assistants
Our Bell Ringers

For those in need or unwell

Evelyn Watson, Nicky Hardy, Phoebe Thomas, Diane Stant, David Bark, Alan Coles, John Aldis, John Walton, Norma Bass, Charlotte Stephenson, Betty Howard, Madge Nutting, Elaine Towlson

For those not able to join us in church yet and for those who have been on our list for some time who are not forgotten:

Kathleen Allen, Maureen Hardy, Ruth Wright, Joan Barnett, Lynn Mason, Gwen Johnson, Madge Nutting

For those who have recently died

Paul Harding, Jean Jackson

For 1st anniversary of death this week

Prayer for Interregnum

Heavenly Father we ask that you help us to share responsibility, grow in faith, love one another, care for those in need, reach out to others, and welcome newcomers. Lord Jesus guard and grow this church as we serve you together in this period without a Rector. Guide those who are seeking the right minister for us, and those who are seeking the right church for their ministry. That together we may discover your way for the future and see your kingdom grow. **Amen**



Our vision is to be an open Christian community where people feel loved, respected, and free to be fully themselves.



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Welcome to you all



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Following the lifting of the local lockdown for Birstall & Wanlip, Sunday services will be resumed at both churches;

9.30am at Birstall, and 6.00pm at Wanlip.

Both churches will no longer be open for private prayer on Wednesdays as well as Sundays

The Archbishops and Bishops of the Church of England have urged everyone to follow the instructions given by the Prime Minister to stay alert and keep to the social distancing rules and the wearing of facemasks in a national effort to limit the transmission of the coronavirus (COVID-19).

A prayer for all those affected by coronavirus

**God of compassion,
be close to those who are ill,
afraid or in isolation.
In their loneliness, be their consolation;
In their anxiety, be their hope;
In their darkness, be their light;
through him who suffered alone
on the cross,
but reigns with you in glory,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

Check out our Church Website: www.Birstall.org

While our parish is in interregnum, please ring 07570 198810 to contact a churchwarden.

Notices

We will ensure that a simple information sheet, updated weekly, will be on the website (www.birstall.org) and, if we have an email address for you a copy of the information sheet will be sent to you electronically. For those who do not have access to modern technology we are endeavouring to keep in contact via the telephone.

Please feel free to contact any of the Churchwardens at any time.

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John Ward	28 Walker Road	2677600
Debbie Shephard	41 Roman Road	2672630

From Robin Martin

Next Tuesday the Church holds the Festival of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It was observed by the 5th century in Jerusalem. Deleted from the first three C of E Books of Common Prayer it was restored in the 1662 calendar. A collect was supplied 1928 and readings in the 1980 Alternative Service Book. Anglican writers of the 17th century extolled Mary's virtues as have countless others. I wrote the following hymn in my first parish which we would sing to the 'Guide me O thou great Redeemer' tune Blaenwern. *Fr. Robin*

Once to Mary, maiden, lowly came a messenger from God.
Gabriel, Archangel holy, to the Nazareth home he trod.
"Hail O Mary" was his greeting, for the Lord is with you now.
'Full of Grace' betides new meaning; to incarnate love we bow.

Holy Mother, ark of Jesus, heavenly Father's bride and spouse;
by the action of God's Spirit, you, the Saviour, meekly housed.
At the blest Annunciation wonder all, "Can this be true?"
God is with us, in humble station, ponder in our hearts anew.

In the Good News of the Bible Mary points us to God's son
Jesus Christ, through whom the title 'Intercessor Great' is won.
Maiden temple, wisdom's treasure, God has always kept you blest,
yet almighty God's endeavour asked at first, that you said Yes.

Faultless were you by conception of the task that God assigned.
Bearer of the world's redemption of all helpless humankind.
Thus we honour you, 'Our Lady' through the worship of your son;
aided by the spirit may we claim the vict'ry Jesus won.

This weeks information sheet

This weeks information sheet was produced on Friday 28th August. If you have sent me any notices since then, they will not appear until next week. *Sheryl*

Prayer Ministry

Although we are resuming church worship, it will not be possible to resume Prayer Ministry in the normal way at present because of social distancing. We can however pray with you outside church after the service, pray with you in your garden at home, maintaining social distancing or pray with you over the phone. Please contact me if you would like this to happen. *Kerry*

Ride and Stride

12th September

The Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust's Ride and Stride will happen on Saturday 12th September. Both St James and Our Lady and St. Nicholas will be open for visitors on those days, and sponsorship forms and further information are available in both church buildings for those who wish to take part and cycle, walk or motor between participating churches (usually about 400). At St James there is a blank rota (near the exit door) and if you would like to take a turn in manning the building on the day then please put down your name. If you wish to help with the opening of Our Lady and St. Nicholas on the day then please see either John Ward or Debbie Shephard.

St. Theresa's

1st October

Fr Tom Thomas at St. Theresa's has very kindly extended an invitation to us all to attend the celebration of the Feast of St. Theresa on Thursday 1st October at 6.30 p.m. The Mass will be followed by light refreshments in their Hall. These are always delightful occasions and an excellent opportunity for us all to get together. If you would like to attend would you let me know (as soon as possible) so that I can let Fr. Tom know how many of us to cater for. Please call me on 07860 951116 or email on debbie.shephard54@gmail.com. *Debbie*

Prayer Chain

If you have an urgent prayer request for the Prayer Chain please contact Doreen Wilson on 2674680 or Gill Pope on 2675086. This will be passed round the prayer chain as quickly as possible in strictest confidence.

Returning to the Church office

I am planning on slowly returning to work in the church office from Tuesday 8th September, for a couple of hours on Tuesdays & Fridays to start with. (Covid-19 permitting). The weekly Information sheets will still be sent out electronically to all those for whom we have an email address. Thanks. *Sheryl*

Notices for the information sheets

If you have a notice to go in the information sheet, can you please email it to stjames.birstall@btconnect.com or directly to me sheryljupp@hotmail.co.uk or contact a churchwarden. Their telephone numbers are on the opposite page. Thanks *Sheryl*